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Foggy Bottom Successfully Conditions Red Cross Bond

By Barbara Kahlow

Since 1996, the Foggy Bottom community has vigorously fought the proposed mega-building which the American Red Cross wants to erect at 2025 E Street, which is surrounded by six apartment buildings. The Mayor unconditionally supported a \$105.5 million tax-free industrial revenue bond request for the Red Cross but, on November 2nd, the D.C. City Council added conditions to ensure a more appropriate building.

History

In 1988, the community submitted an historic landmark application for the Red Cross' D.C. Chapter House Building, authorized to be constructed on Federal land by a 1947 Federal law. Also in 1988, Congress authorized the Red Cross to build a bigger building on this site based on the Red Cross' assurance that the replacement would be no more than 300,000 to 350,000 square feet. A House Report memorialized this legislative history. In 1996, D.C.'s Historic Preservation Review Board finally held a hearing on the application and landmarked the building, noting the importance of the parklike setting.

In 1997 and in 1999, the National Capital Planning Commission held hearings on the Red Cross' design proposal. In 1997, the General Services Administration held a National Historic Preservation Act hearing, followed by a 1999 Memorandum of Agreement cosigned by D.C. In 1999, the Commission on Fine Arts also held a hearing on the design proposal. To date, no Federal agency has held a National Environmental Policy Act hearing on adverse environmental effects.

Before meeting with the Foggy Bottom community, the Mayor sent the bond request to the City Council for action. In June and October, five Foggy Bottomites (West End Citizens Association President Jack Batham, ANC2A Chair Barbara Spillinger, Barbara Julian, Barbara Kahlow, and Sara Maddux) met with the Mayor.

Besides the five-member group, many others in the community have testified in opposition to the plan: Laetitia

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Legal Fund Still Needs Your Help

A special legal fund was established by FBA to finance the various actions taken by the community against the proposed GW Hospital's construction. Many residents have been generous; legal fees, however, are mounting and need to be taken care of.

Send contributions to FBA Legal Fund, c/o West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W., 20037. They are tax-deductible and essential to the community's efforts.

City Council Approves GWU Revenue Bonds

Linda Cropp Vote Allowed Issue to Pass

On Tuesday, November 2, the D. C. Council voted to approve a \$380 million bond issue for George Washington University. The legislation was rushed through by Councilmember Jarvis via a waiver to pass the bill without a hearing by the entire Council. The waiver was approved after Council Chair Linda Cropp first voted against the waiver, then changed her vote and allowed the resolution to come up for consideration.

Cropp stated that despite a letter requesting that she recuse herself (her husband is an official of the university),

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FBA Speaker Reports on the Balkans

The speaker at the November FBA meeting represents a change of pace and emphasis away from city affairs. FBA is pleased to welcome journalist and writer Dusko Doder, presenting "A Balkan Report Card." Doder will discuss the history of this troubled part of Europe and the ethnic groups which inhabit it, and perhaps provide answers to questions such as "where do we (the U.S. government) go from here, and why do we care about this Balkan dilemma?"

A native of Yugoslavia, Doder is currently a freelance writer, but has been a foreign correspondent for the *Washington Post*, as well as serving in a series of posts (including intelligence correspondent, assistant foreign editor, East European bureau chief and Moscow bureau chief). He also was a correspondent for the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Boston Globe* and London's *The European*. In 1996 and 1997, Doder was a senior fellow at the U. S. Institute of Peace, and earlier took leave from the *Post* to serve as a fellow at the Wilson Center and as a lecturer at Georgetown University's School of Diplomacy. He has appeared as a Balkan expert on the NewsHour with Jim Lehrer.

Doder has just published "Milosevic: Portrait of a Tyrant," and earlier "The Yugoslavs," in addition to several volumes on Russian topics. According to reports, his latest book "paints a disturbing portrait of a cunning politician who has not shied from fomenting wars and double-crossing enemies and allies alike in his ruthless pursuit of power."

Mark your calendar to hear this knowledgeable speaker on Monday, November 22, in Potomac I&II at the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m., with Mr. Doder's presentation about 8:00 p.m.

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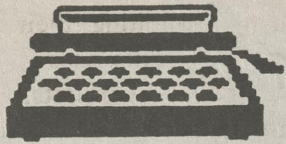
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The Love-Hate Relationship

As you can imagine, I read the *Foggy Bottom News* with professional attention. The most recent issue (November, 1999) demonstrates as well as anything else the fascinating love-hate relationship between Foggy Bottom and GW. On the one hand there's a story about a group of residents rallying against the GW Hospital. On the other hand there's a box that advises the readers of the new telephone number of the hospital, presumably so in case they get sick (rallying?) they can make the call that will provide them with appropriate health care. And then there's the article about GW's bond initiative accompanied by the memorial

notice for our recently deceased Foggy Bottom neighbor who loved the University so well that she made a \$1 million benefaction to endow fellowships. And then in the midst of it all there's a note from me sending the Foggy Bottom Association good wishes on their 40th anniversary. And so it goes.

If some good comes from the disputatious part of our relationship, it eludes me. But I presume that somebody must get some sort of benefit from it since it seems so intractable. And yet—and—yet does anybody deny that if the University isn't perfect, it's surely not the demon that our critics portray us as?

I note that you've reprinted in the most recent FBN a piece by Matt Berger. With the thought that you might want to be journalistically evenhanded, I enclose not one but two articles (taken together,

much shorter than Berger's) about some nice things that our students did in the last couple of days.

Stephen Joel Trachtenberg
President
The George Washington University

Editor's Response: Yes, we ran the hospital's new phone number because residents of Foggy Bottom consider it a resource. And yes, we rallied, but if you carefully attended to the protesters, you would have noted it was not against the HOSPITAL, but against the proposed SITE which presents problems too numerous to repeat here. And the article on the bond issue, in our minds, does not relate in any way to an ad about the bequest placed by the university. No comment on your 40th anniversary letter; we somehow felt obligated to run it.

We totally agree that GW students can be and are generous and helpful to many causes and people in this community and others in D. C. But again, does that relate to Matt Berger's article? It was an illuminating one, highlighting the activity of GWU which many of us believe is demonic, that of its voracious landgrabbing.

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Report from Jack Evans

My office has requested a meeting with the Mayor, GWU President Trachtenberg, and leaders in the Foggy Bottom community to begin a dialogue over community concerns and possible compromises.

The letter to the Mayor stated there "is an emergency situation in my ward in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. As you know, from our discussions over the industrial revenue bond for the American Red Cross, the community is being besieged by big interests, such as The George Washington University, the Red Cross, the World Bank, the International Monetary Fund, and the continual growth of the downtown commercial district. The expansion of GWU, in particular, is challenging the fabric of that historic community."

The Ward 2 Councilmember has also written to the Mayor about the proposal to build 1000 residential units west of 26th Street between L

and I Streets, N.W. That letter is re-printed elsewhere in this issue.

The Industrial Revenue Bond Program

The D. C. Revenue Bond Program is an important economic development and revenue center of the District of Columbia. The program was established to help lower the cost and increase the availability of funds for capital improvements sponsored by private businesses and institutions within our Nation's Capital. Essentially, the program allows the District to provide below-market interest rate loans to assist in financing, refinancing and reimbursing costs of capital projects for undertakings in education, health care, housing, transit and utility facilities, recreational facilities, student loan

programs, pollution control facilities, and industrial and commercial development.

(A selected list of borrowers and the amounts borrowed was attached. Of the 24 listed, only one—Medlantic/Helix Parent, Inc. at \$300 million—requested an amount close to GWU's \$380 million.)

Editor's Note: At the Red Cross and GWU bond request hearing on November 2, Councilmember Evans voted against the Red Cross bonds and for the GWU request, after explaining at some length the reasoning for both decisions. Evans stated that "the industrial revenue bond program was never set up by Congress to be used as a tool to get local institutions to do what otherwise we can't make them do."

Local Author to Discuss New Novel at Library

By Robert Brewster

Ted Mason, a retired Foreign Service and Army Reserve Officer, will discuss and sign copies of his new novel, "Hostage to Fortune," at the West End Library on Saturday, December 4, at 2:00 p.m.

The Foggy Bottom resident's new book is a novel of suspense in which a tiny American Embassy in a fictitious island republic in the Middle East is faced with an extremist plot to force the recall of the ambassador. As the principal characters become easy prey for a clever

enemy exploiting their personal weaknesses and internecine conflicts, the ambassador, an inexperienced political appointee, attempts to uncover the exact nature of the plot and rally his fractious staff to counter the threat. The truth comes out only after many twists and turns, with the embassy already under siege by a mob. How each character meets his or her fate is the stuff of this cautionary tale.

The author, a veteran of over 30 years of military and civilian service in Europe and the Third World, will read from his novel and touch on some of the places in which he has served. A question period will follow. Copies of "Hostage to Fortune" will be available for purchase and Mr. Mason will be happy to sign them.

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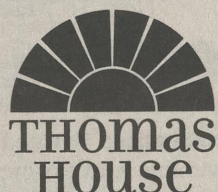
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Residents Pan 27th Street Plan

Letters

Great Wall of Foggy Bottom

Dear Mayor Williams: I have been given a copy of an E-mail message to you from Dale W. Barnhard [relating] to his proposal to develop on the western boundary of Foggy Bottom a huge building that would be bordered east and west by 26th and 27th Streets and north and south by L and I Streets. It would be 110 feet high and would have 1,000 living units. It would become the Great Wall of Foggy Bottom, a massive structure between Foggy Bottom and Georgetown.

In addition to walling in the residential neighborhood of Foggy Bottom, it would be an eyesore to the east for the citizens of Georgetown. At the proper time, extensive information could be furnished on many other problems with the proposed Great Wall, e.g., destruction of parkland, major traffic problems, public costs for tunnels that would be required to take important roads through the structure, the giving away of the legacy of future generations in beautiful green vistas of our capital city, etc.

Residents of Foggy Bottom I have talked with are strongly against the construction of the proposed Great Wall. Four of us got together and prepared a flyer about the matter and it was distributed on or about September 25. Mr. Barnhard was dead flat wrong when he said in his E-mail to you that "a group organized to oppose any project produced a flyer." The

flyer was prepared by four of us, not an "organized group" and not people who "oppose any project." We are four interested tax-paying citizens. Mr. Barnhard also said that the flyer "resulted in numerous phone calls" to him of support for his proposal. I find that extremely hard to believe. Everyone I've talked to is against the proposed development.

Some of us who oppose the development have not continued to escalate our opposition because of assurances we have received from Councilmember Jack Evans. At the September 27 FBA meeting, which I attended, Evans stated that he has fought to keep the area in question as parkland and would continue to do so. In an October letter to residents of Foggy Bottom, Evans stated, "I believe developing this site is inappropriate. I'm currently in the process of taking steps to ensure the preservation of this park."

I would very much appreciate your comments on this matter. Certainly if any serious consideration is being given by city officials to the proposed Great Wall, we would like to be informed of that so we can marshal our opposition as soon as possible.

Edward B. Gable
26th Street

(Edward Gable is President of the Griffin Condominium Association Board of Directors.)

Proposed "Over-Development"

I [am opposed to] the proposed development (over-development) of the FB area between I and L Streets and

26th and 27th Streets. This is currently a quaint area, but it is quaint in the midst of already heavy congestion. I do not own property in the area, but I pass through it daily on my way to work and school. It is a refuge bordered by rush-hour chaos. The addition of 1000 (!) units would drastically increase the foot and motor traffic in this area, making travel even more complex and frustrating than it already is.

While commuting through the area would become more time-consuming, hazardous and generally unpleasant, I am especially concerned for the well-being of the residents. The residents should not be an incidental consideration, they should be a primary one. The streets are lined with trees and gardens because of their efforts. The park, in particular, with its benches, swings and tall trees is a gathering place for people to enjoy. Pet-owners, children, and people of all ages use this area as a place to gather and socialize. For many of these residents, Foggy Bottom is more than just some place to live...it is home...and it is community.

Although I understand the money-making potential of this endeavor, I also understand some of the very real and longterm costs that accompany it. Far from being "wasted land" or "unutilized surplus," Foggy Bottom is an historic neighborhood with great non-monetary richness that, once destroyed, cannot be revived. I strongly encourage you to act against this overdevelopment and its longterm ill-effects.

Dawn Moncrief
Arlington, Virginia

Improve Accessibility

I write to oppose the proposal of developers to build 1000 dwelling units in the cramped space between I and L Streets and between 26th and 27th Streets and Rock Creek Parkway. Presumably such units would add new turn-offs to this complex of streets so that their residents can enter and exit the new buildings with their cars, thus further clogging the roadways and heightening the probabilities of pedestrians being hit by cars and of cars running into each other. Put more simply, the area would be a traffic nightmare!

In short, in exchange for the aspirations of developers, the city and Foggy Bottom will have myriad difficult and unpleasant problems. We should be looking to ways to improve accessibility to the area rather than adding to its congestion. The case for donating the land to the National Park Service is very strong indeed, and I urge you to push for such an outcome.

James N. Rosenau
26th Street

We Weathered Whitehurst Patiently

We were very disturbed to learn recently that the open green space...may be sold to developers. As homeowners in the Foggy Bottom neigh-

borhood we weathered patiently the Whitehurst construction project and happily applauded when the delightful and very welcome landscaping complete with trees and shrubs heralded the end of that long, ugly project.

The space is now beautiful, and a wonderful addition to the neighborhood. It brings much-needed relief from concrete and traffic, and enhances the value of Foggy Bottom as one of the nicest neighborhoods in the District. It gives all District residents, but particularly those who live or work nearby, an opportunity to enjoy open space, listen to birds and enjoy the outdoors right here in our convenient neighborhood.

We believe that this land should be donated to the National Park Service, as was done with the land on the west side of Washington Harbour. We understand that this land is currently designated as parkland, and we feel this designation should continue. Hundreds of trees and shrubs have been planted, and these plantings should not be wasted. This land should not be made available to developers.

Gordon W. Bowie
Mary S. Bowie
K Street

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Mayor Williams: Immediate Assistance Needed

I would like to bring to your attention an important issue in the Foggy Bottom neighborhood of Ward 2 and request your immediate assistance.

There is a proposal to build over 1,000 residential units into a very limited space between the ramps on and off the Whitehurst Freeway, 26th and 27th Streets, and Rock Creek Parkway. The proposal includes air space over the Freeway. A part of the land under consideration for development is a small city park that is used by many residents and children in the surrounding neighborhood. The land is owned by the District and was originally purchased with federal highway money. It is currently controlled by the Department of Public Works but I have learned that negotiations are under way to transfer control of the land to the Department of Housing and Community Development so they can seek invitations for bids to develop the property.

Several years ago, members of the community petitioned me to include in the Comprehensive Plan a provision protecting this park as open space, which I did. Accordingly, the Comprehensive Plan land use map shows that the area is reserved for "parks, recreation and open space." However, I recently learned that the

records of the Zoning Commission indicated that "Squares 4 and 5," of which the park appears to be a part, are zoned CR, R5B, and R5E.

The community wishes desperately to preserve this park and open space which is one of the neighborhood's few remaining parks. Because the public policy expressed in the Comprehensive Plan outweighs the zoning for this land, I would like to request that you direct the Department of Public Works to transfer control of this land to the Department of Recreation and Parks to ensure that this land is preserved as open space both now and for future generations in Foggy Bottom.

Jack Evans

Ward 2 Councilmember

Rare Remaining Open Space

I write to express my great dismay about the proposed development of the rare remaining open space in Foggy Bottom now being considered for large-scale residential development.

I own and reside in property on 26th Street in the Historic District. When I purchased the property five years ago, it was one of the rare residential buildings in the District near open space. My understanding was that the open space was District property which would not be developed, a situation easy to believe because so many



highways and access roads run through that small area.... Contrary to the developers' belief that this land is "unutilized surplus wasted land," I believe that piece of open space does much to help diminish the impact of the very heavy commuter and local traffic crossing through the area all day and night.

The residents have lived through years of disruptive Whitehurst Freeway construction. Trees have just now been planted to replace those destroyed by the construction. Having just finished with that assault, [we] are now dealing with the adverse impact on our scarce local retail services (such as the one remaining Safeway supermarket in the area), created by the sudden takeover by GWU of the Howard Johnson's Premier Hotel...[as] a dormitory for hundreds of students.

The tiny Historic District, and Foggy Bottom in general, has suffered enough. We are hemmed in by an enlarged highway system, and a growing hospital and university. Why punish even more the permanent, tax-paying residents of the area who invested and remained in the District during the long, bleak years of fiscal crisis by allowing the development of the little remaining breathing space left? You have an environmentally-friendly, neighborhood-friendly, financially-friendly alternative: if the District does not want to continue to maintain that open space, the land could be donated to the National Park Service.

Martha Bishop
26th Street

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Combrinck, Elizabeth Elliott, Ron Eng, Marija Hughes, Paul Konopka, Patrick Sheary and TENAC Chair Jim McGrath.

Conditions

The Council's resolution calls for no more than 350,000 square feet (vs. 454,200 s.q.), no more than 90 feet in height (vs. 107 feet), and a setback at the north of no less than 50 feet (vs. only 7 feet from the property line). The Arent Fox law firm advised the Council that "inclusion of such a condition or recommendation would likely materially adversely affect the bond transaction."

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By John Graves

Eleemosynary is a word few can spell and many have forgotten. Once it described hospitals, classic buildings, attractive structures, with names like Mercy, Charity, Samaritan, Community, which have been replaced by profit-making conglomerates where once dedicated doctors, advocates of Hippocrates, are now stockholders or golf partners.

This city has majestic stone structures over 100 years old that are still in good use today. But here is a good hospital that GW built, while I was an undergraduate student, that planners have directed to the wrecking ball. I think those planners have a cash register in their office. And certainly they must have direct communication lines with the National Capital Planning Commission (NCP) and the Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA); talk about oxymorons. (More on those birds later.)

With Jim McLeod's permission I am reprinting his letter to the *Georgetown Current*. It is sincere, succinct and rational. Read it over a cup of tea. You will be more comforted after reading than those free loaders at the public trough at the NCP and BZA. Why do the "big guys" seem to win their perfunctory votes while the local citizens and homeowners are tolerantly heard but ignored? In some cases they are kept waiting for hours and then not even heard!

"RENOVATED HOSPITAL WOULD MEET NEEDS"

"In his July 7 letter to the *Georgetown Current*, Don Tobey appears convinced that the George Washington University Hospital cannot be renovated and that all those who oppose the plan to squeeze a new hospital on the site north of the Foggy Bottom Metro are overlooking the urgent needs of the community. But Mr. Tobey also says he is willing to listen to a better plan.

"He seems to view a new building as the only way to get larger hospital treatment rooms and waiting rooms quickly. As Dorothy Miller's attorney noted in his recent memorandum to the D. C. Board of Appeals and Review, it would take at least three years before the new hospital is operational whereas the benefits of renovation would begin to be realized sooner. Thus, renovation looks like a better approach.

"Mr. Tobey says that 'we know from thorough study that refurbishing the present hospital would be prohibitively costly, and then inadequate.' If this is true, then why, as Ms. Miller points out, did the hospital's for-profit owner submit such scant documentation to support its assertion that renovation is out of the question? And if it is true they can't renovate the building, then how will they convert it to some other use and at what cost?

"My walk to the subway takes me across the two auto entrances and one auto exit for the proposed hospital.

Isn't it a legitimate interest to be concerned about pedestrian hazards on the heavily-traveled sidewalk on the west side of 23rd Street? I object to paying for the hospital's savings and their shareholders' profits through the endangerment of my safety. The proposal also ignores the need of patients who won't be able to open their windows because there's no public space to buffer the sounds of buses and automobiles.

"Not all who oppose the hospital do so for the same reasons. Nor do we all have the same idea of 'some better plan.' Here's mine. From 1788 to 1799, President George Washington was Chancellor of a college with a triangular campus, like the site of the proposed hospital. My plan would be to renovate the existing hospital and to build a Colonial-style dorm or a combined dorm and academic building where the hospital is proposed.

"This proposal would attract generous donations from alumni, and maybe even a resident or two. The renovated hospital would meet the community's urgent needs. The proposed dorm would be compatible with historic Foggy Bottom, would not endanger residents, students or commuters. To be realized, this plan would require enlightened thinking by GWU and its for-profit associates, but I am confident they could do it. They just need encouragement."

Jim McLeod
Foggy Bottom

(Reprinted from the *Georgetown Current* for Wednesday, July 21, 1999)

Foggy Bottom Folks

Down on F Street, **Domenica Morisi** was faced with the task of putting the stones of her rock garden wall together after an apparently nervous patient, coming for a medical appointment at the clinic at 21st and F Street, backed up onto the sidewalk and against her wall at the corner of 22nd Street. Luckily no pedestrians were in the way.

It's not new news, but happy news is always welcome. Our good Queen Anne's Lane friend **Murdaugh Madden** was married earlier this year, and to him and his wife **Connie** go our heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Our condolences go out to **Robert Brewster**, who lost his sister **Margaret**, nicknamed Margo, who lived in San Antonio and had retired from the U. S. Army after a distinguished career. The interment was at Arlington National Cemetery on August 26. And to **Geoffrey Tyler** who lost his brother earlier this year.

Our most heartfelt condo-



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lences go to **Mary Slusser** following the passing of our good neighbor **Robert Slusser**. Bob earlier had serious heart problems and his neighbors had hoped his problems in that area would not return.

Down in the "East End," the stork has been active. **Nik Nurulhanna** now resides at the Potomac Park Apartments with parents **Nik Mohamad Hanif Nik Abdul Ghani** and **Enna Ayub**, after arriving at Columbia Hospital for Women in the spring. And **Luqmanul Hakiem** is a "miniature" resident at The

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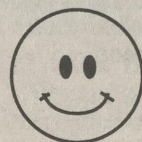
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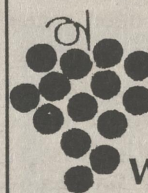
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York Apartments, also born in the spring at Georgetown Hospital to **Mohd Adib Omar** and **Mariana Saharin**. Both couples are from Malaysia, and **Laetitia Combrinck** reports that "both babies are healthily growing cuter by the day."

There seems there was a whole lot of hotel renovation

started and has tried to keep them informed as it went on... and on.

Up at the "north end" the **Washington Monarch Hotel**, formerly known as the ANA Hotel, has completed a \$12 million redesign project. Major work was done on its guest rooms and meeting facilities. Also receiving special attention were the lobby atrium and garden courtyard.



in our neighborhood during the summer and early fall. **Debbie Fabrizio** of the GW University Inn directed extensive repairs to the main entranceway and garage, due to serious water leakage. Of course it took longer than anticipated (it always does, doesn't it?), and the work itself uncovered even more damage. Fabrizio notified neighbors before the project

The Monarch's **Lisa Robinson** also advised us that directing the renovation was the hotel's General Manager, **George Terpilowski**, who came to the Monarch early this summer. He had been at the five-diamond Jefferson Hotel in Richmond, The Clift Hotel in San Francisco, and Grand Heritage Hotels in Nashville and Palm Beach. (Mr. Terpilowski, doesn't the

Jefferson have a grand staircase in the lobby?)

We hear from Lisa that the Monarch is inviting diners to "experience the extraordinary cuisine reflective of the season without the hassle and preparation of a big holiday meal," to be served at the Colonnade from noon to 6:00 p.m. and in the Bistro from 5:30-10:30 p.m. The traditional turkey will be supplemented by lamb rack, lobster, salmon, pork loin, seabass and a variety of vegetables, salads, cheeses and desserts on the Colonnade's buffet tables. The Bistro will offer a more modest selection, featuring turkey and salmon. For Thanksgiving info/reservations call 457-5020.

And on the south end of FB the **Swissotel Washington-The Watergate** celebrated its 12-month renovation project, "The Return of a Legend." Each guest room was refurbished, adding marble bathrooms, oversized working desks with fax machines, two-line telephones, CD players and large safes. Several events were held, including a press confer-

ence sending 50 butlers off for various parts of the city carrying chocolate gifts, a reception and dinner for city and industry leaders, and a gala concluding with fireworks over the Potomac.

The Thanksgiving treats at the **Bristol Grill** in the Wyndham Bristol Hotel start with a full brunch buffet AND Belgian waffle and omelet stations. Also, a full pasta station will appear, along with a

chef's carvery for turkey and cherryglazed Virginia ham. And of course cornbread stuffing, yams, green beans and spaetzle (got the spelling right the first time!), creamed onions and the traditional cranberry relish. Special treats include Coq au Vin and baked talapia, all followed by an abundant array of pies, cakes and tarts. Phone 955-6400; service is from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Reminders:

The Department of Public Works will make its second leaf pickup in the area west of 23rd Street between November 29 and December 3. For those east of 23rd Street, pickup will be made between December 13 and December 17. Leaves can be raked into the tree space — but avoid areas where there are parked cars. Or use trash bags and place where regular trash is collected. **DO NOT PUT LOOSE LEAVES IN THE STREET.**

Regular trash pickups are delayed one day following a holiday.

And looking ahead, DPW will collect Christmas trees in Ward 2 during the week of January 10-14. Place trees at the curb on Sunday, January 9.

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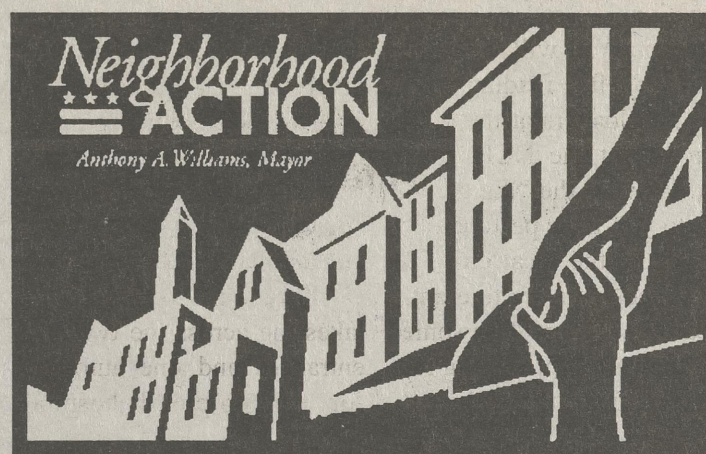
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GW Bonds, from page 1 she would and did vote for the bond issue.

When the actual vote on the bond issue came up, Councilmember Carol Schwartz was the lone dissenter. She had explained her reluctance to vote against the revenue bonds which help the city, but after watching GW buy the Howard Johnson and other buildings outside the campus, and announce major expansions at the Mount Vernon College campus, felt it necessary to voice her dismay over the issue. Councilmember David Catania made several strong statements about the problems facing the Foggy Bottom neighborhood; he cast a "present" vote. Councilmembers Sharon Ambrose and Phil Mendelson expressed "compassion" for the Foggy Bottom neighborhood, but both voted for the bond issue. Ward 2 Councilmember Jack Evans joined the majority and voted for approval. As space permits we will print the remarks made by the Councilmembers at the hearing.

Listed among the projects in the bond request by GWU were the purchase and renovation of the Howard Johnson, the West End apartment building on I Street, the NALU and Associated General Contractors buildings, the Aston, F Street townhouses, the Dakota, 610 23rd Street, 2206-8 F Street, a building at 23rd & G, and property for the University Club on F Street. All these are outside the campus boundaries except for the West End Apartments.

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Resident Scores GW's Permit Violations

According to resident Don Kreuzer, GWU has violated the work permit granted for the use of its property on Square 43, specifically for a temporary construction office trailer on the G Street side of that lot. The permit states that crossing by trucks of the sidewalk is not authorized. Kreuzer has reported the violation to Lloyd J. Jordan, Director of the Department of Consumer and

Regulatory Affairs, which grants the permits. On one recent day, "six parked cars and pickup trucks, a parked backhoe, two air compressors...and another large piece of construction equipment" were present. The sidewalk's surface is severely damaged just to the west of the construction trailer, evidencing frequent use as a driveway. Kreuzer asked that Jordan send an inspector to examine "these apparent violations," and that "an inspector be dispatched on a regular basis thereafter."

Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, November 22: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with journalist Dusko Doder presenting "A Balkan Report Card." Doder is a freelance writer who has spent many years as a journalist in the Balkan and Russian areas of the world. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m. All residents welcome.

Monday, November 29: Advent Lecture Series, St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall, 1011 25th Street, N.W. 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 1: "At Risk for a Stroke?" Learn about the latest interventional and emergency procedures available to stroke patients and how to minimize your risk. Presented by Perry Richardson, M.D., director, GW Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center, Jehan ElBayoumi, M.D., Internal Medicine, and Anthony Caputy, M.D., chairman, Department of Neurosurgery, GW Hospital. To register phone 1-888-4GW-DOCS. GWU Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, December 4: Book-signing by Ted Mason, local author of a new novel, "Hostage to Fortune." (See article elsewhere in this issue.) West End Library, 24th & L Streets, N.W. 2:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5: A Quilter's Christmas Bazaar, featuring fabrics, patterns, jewelry, and lots of quilts and quilted

items for your home. For information call 879-3238. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5: Victorian Christmas Crafts Workshop. View a Victorian parlor and make 19th-century Victorian Christmas crafts (Christmas crackers, pomander balls and fancy cones filled with candy). All materials are provided. Reservations (879-3241) suggested. \$5. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 5: "1000 Years of Music for Advent," choral and organ music for the season of Advent from the 11th century to the present. The choirs of The United Church and the German Lutheran Congregation of Washington will perform, with Stephen Ackert as conductor and organist. Free admission with freewill offering requested. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

Monday, December 6: Advent Lecture Series, St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall, 1011 25th Street, N.W. 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 5: Concert, "Jerusalem, A City of Five Millenia," by National Musical Arts. Included are Songs of the Crusades, and works by Bloch, Bruch, Tchaikovsky and J. S. Bach. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. Phone 334-2436. 4:00 p.m.

Monday, December 13: Advent Lecture Series, St. Stephen Martyr Parish Hall, 1011 25th Street, N.W. 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 14: The Art of the Silversmith, a visual discussion of silver as an art form. This class will examine a variety of 18th- and 19th-century silver objects from the DAR Museum Collection. Reservations (879-3241) required by December 7. \$20. DAR Museum, 1776 D Street, N.W. 10:30a.m.-12:00 noon.

Wednesday, December 15: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meeting. For info call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 19: Traditional German Christmas Concert (Weihnachtskonzert), featuring The Washington Sangerbund, conducted by Matthias Dickhut. Free admission with freewill offering to benefit the United Church Food Pantry and other efforts on behalf of the homeless. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 3:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 16: Concert by the U. S. Marine Band Chamber Ensembles, including works by Ravel, Rahn, Schenckmann, Nielsen, Hindemith, Berio and Martinu. National Academy of Sciences, 2100 C Street, N.W. Phone 334-2436. 2:00 p.m.

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